

OPINION 1333  
*IPNOPS MURRAYI* GÜNTHER, 1878 (OSTIECHTHYES):  
CONSERVED

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Lychnoculus* Murray, 1877 and the associated specific name *mirabilis* Murray, 1877, as published in the binomen *Lychnoculus mirabilis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Ipnops* Günther, 1878 (gender: masculine), type species, by monotypy, *Ipnops murrayi* Günther, 1878, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2273.

(3) The specific name *murrayi* Günther, 1878, as published in the binomen *Ipnops murrayi* (specific name of the type species of *Ipnops* Günther, 1878) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2986.

(4) The family-group name IPNOPIDAE Jordan, 1923 (type genus *Ipnops* Günther, 1878) is hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 575.

(5) The generic name *Lychnoculus* Murray, 1877, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2165.

(6) The specific name *mirabilis*, Murray, 1877 as published in the binomen *Lychnoculus mirabilis*, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1153.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)1393

An application for the conservation of both the generic and specific names *Ipnops murrayi* Günther, 1878 was first received from Dr G. W. Mead (then of *U.S. Department of Interior, Washington D.C.*) on 21 October 1958. After some correspondence a revised draft was sent to the printers on 31 January 1962 and published on 10 September 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 19, pp. 295–296. Public notice of the possible use of plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin*, to the statutory serials, to seven general and one specialist serial. No comments were received.

Due to the problematical interpretation of Article 23b at that time, the case was never voted upon. In 1981 the case was rewritten and published on 11 March 1982 in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 39, pp. 27–28. Public notice of the possible use of plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin*, to the statutory serials, to seven general and four specialist serials. No comments were received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 September 1984 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month rule on Voting Paper (84)42 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 39, p. 28. At the close of the voting period on 13 December the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-one (21) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Cocks, Brinck, Hahn, Mroczkowski, Schuster, Willink, Trjapitzin, Halvorsen, Uéno, Starobogatov, Sabrosky, Alvarado, Kraus, Ride, Corliss, Bayer, Heppell, Dupuis, Binder

Negative Votes — none (0).

Lehtinen was on leave of absence. No votes were returned by Bernardi, Cogger and Savage.

Ride commented: 'Although no evidence of usage of *Ipnops murrayi* is given beyond a general statement (Art. 79c), I accept that the Secretary has confirmed the statement and assume that a *prima facie* case is established'.

## ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion: IPNOPIDAE Jordan, 1923, *Stanford Univ. Publ. Biol. Sci.*, vol. 3, p. 155

*Ipnops* Günther, 1878, *Ann. mag. Nat. hist.*, ser. 5, no. 8, 1878, p. 187

*Lychnoculus* Murray, 1877, *Science Lectures for the People*, ser. 9, vol. 4, p. 132

*mirabilis*, *Lychnoculus*, Murray, 1877, *Science Lectures for the People*, ser. 9, vol. 4, p. 132

*murrayi*, *Ipnops*, Günther, 1878, *Ann. mag. Nat. hist.*, ser. 5, no. 8, 1878, p. 187.

## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (84)42 were cast as set out above, that the proposal has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1333.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

27 February 1985